

without the rule suspension. Now, there may be those who say, well, why, Senator Johnson, didn't you just wait for the ordinary course of events when this resolution...and mind you retrocession is in resolution form, Senator Haberman, not in bill form, it is always in resolution form, why not simply permit this resolution to go through the ordinary course? Well, sometimes things get bottled up. They get bottled up and we can't debate them. And I am just saying, let's "unstopper" the bottle this afternoon and have a debate as to whether or not the Winnebago Tribe should have retrocession in criminal areas. Now I want to deal with just a couple of items that were brought up that are substantive in nature. Senator Goll made an impassioned plea to go slow. Senator Goll said, the Omaha Indians in Macy, Nebraska, have had full court retrocession for 13...or for 10 years. Senator Goll said, and there are problems with it and because there are problems with it, Senator Goll said, we need to go slow in Winnebago. I picked up the evening Lincoln Journal and the headline is, "Commission Told Judge Sexually Harassed Female Employees". It says: "There is 'clear and convincing proof' that County Judge Charles F. Fisher of Chadron engaged in a pattern of sexually oriented harassment of the female court employees in Alliance and Rushville between 1981 and last summer." That is the finding of a commission. Okay. Now you know every court system that we have because it is human in nature has infirmities, has frailties, has weaknesses and it has them because it is human in nature and an Indian court system will similarly have frailties and weaknesses and faults and foibles and so on. But what we as humans aspire to do is we aspire to reduce those kinds of frailties. We aspire to do the right thing. We work for principled behavior. We attempt to follow codes of ethics. We fall short of the mark. But the Winnebago Indians will not even have the ability to fail, to not to grow, not to succeed, unless we at least accord them the freedom the retrocession provides and that is an important issue. But we won't have the ability to even discuss the issue without the suspension motion. So I ask you, I don't care once again how you vote on the ultimate resolution, at least give us an opportunity to discuss it this session and to then vote on it. That is what we are here for, debate, discussion, conversation and then voting. So I would ask you to vote to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to suspend the rules to allow the